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SUBJECT: ITALIAN SC CANDIDACY

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1. USUN REPORTS BEING INFORMED BOTH ITALIANS AND SWEDES
CONFIRMED THEIR SC CANDIDACIES AT RECENT WEO MEETING.
WHILE IRISH AND MALTESE HAVE NOT, POSSIBILITY OF MORE
CANDIDACIES BEING PUT FORWARD CANNOT BE PRECLUDED SO FAR
IN ADVANCE OF ELECTIONS THEMSELVES, PARTICULARLY AS WEO
GROUP HAS YET TO GIVE ITS OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT TO ANY
CANDIDATE FOR SC ELECTION. AS EMBASSY KNOWS, IT NORMAL
US PRACTICE TO BE GUIDED BY PREFERENCES OF REGIONAL GROUP
CONCERNED IN TAKING POSITION ON ELECTIONS TO UN BODIES.

2. ITALIAN EMBASSY MARCH 12 GAVE DEPARTMENT SHORT PIECE
OF PAPER REQUESTING USG SUPPORT FOR ITALIAN CANDIDACY.
ON MARCH 13 AMBASSADOR ORTONA IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL
ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM RAISED QUESTION VERY
BRIEFLY ON INSTRUCTIONS. ORTONA MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY
THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AND WAS SYMPATHETIC TO USUAL US
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PRACTICE ON SC CANDIDACIES.

3. IF FONMIN OFFICIAL AGAIN RAISES MATTER OF ITALIAN SC
CANDIDACY, YOU SHOULD RECALL OUR NORMAL PRACTICE, OF
WHICH HE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, AND POINT OUT THAT AS YET WE

HAVE NO INDICATION OF WEO VIEWS. HOWEVER, IF PRESENT
SITUATION CONTINUES UNCHANGED. WE SEE NO PROBLEM FOR
ITALIAN CANDIDACY SINCE THERE SO FAR ONLY TWO WEO
CANDIDATES FOR TWO WEO SEATS ON SC TO BE FILLED AT
29TH GA. KISSINGER

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